

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) This Ministry is not aware of the existence of any Club known as the Central Secretariat Government employees Club.

(b) to (f) : Does not arise.

[Translation]

Ban on production of Consumer Goods

6622. SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV:
SHRI KASHIRAM RANA:
SHRI ARJUN SINGH YADAV:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of multinational companies producing consumer goods in India;

(b) whether the Government propose to impose a ban on consumer goods to be produced by multinational companies;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) A list of the companies registered under the Foreign Exchange Regulation Act and engaged in the manufacture of consumer goods is given in the Statement.

(b) to (d) No, sir. Except in case of those items exclusively reserved for development in the small scale sector and those requiring compulsory licensing. All other items have been de-licensed under the new Industrial Policy.

List of Companies Registered under Foreign Exchange Regulation Act which are manufacturing Consumer Goods

1. M/s. Bayer India Limited
2. M/s. Electric Co. of India Ltd.
3. M/s. Hindustan Lever Limited
4. M/s. Hindustan Gum & Chemicals Ltd.
5. M/s. Sandoz (India) Limited
6. M/s. Union Carbide India
7. M/s. General Electric Co. of India Ltd.
8. M/s. Johnson & Johnson Limited

Implementation of P.C. Joshi Report

6623. SHRI. KASHIRAM RANA: Will the Minister for INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to implement P.C. Joshi report regarding T.V. Software to improve the quality of programmes to be telecast by Doordarshan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons there for?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) (a) and (b). The Report submitted to the Government by the Working Group to prepare software Plan for Doordarshan (Joshi Committee) contained 31 major recommendations. The Government after due consideration accepted 25 recommendations and initiated action for their implementation.

(c) Does not arise

[English]

Response to Maruti 1000 In Foreign Markets

6624. SHRI GANGADHARA SANIPALLI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any discussion was held recently between the Government and the President of the Suzuki Motor Car Company;

(b) if so, the matter discussed and the outcome thereof; and

(c) the response to Maruti 1000 in foreign markets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K.THUNGON): (a) & (b). Mr. O. Suzuki called on the Prime Minister, Finance Minister, Commerce Minister and Minister of State (Hl). Matters relating to the functioning and future plans of Maruti were discussed. No final decisions were taken.

(c) The Maruti 1000 is not intended for export except in very limited markets.

[Translation]

Land Levelling Scheme

6625. SHRI CHINMAYANAND SWAMI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to implement a scheme for levelling the land with a view to make it fertile under Rural Development Agency;

(b) if so, whether Badaun district has

been included in this scheme; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) to (c) Land levelling is already one of the permitted activities under the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) being implemented in all the rural districts of the country including that of Badaun District (Uttar Pradesh).

[English]

Demand for Price Revision by Drug Industry

6626. SHRI DHARMANNA MONDAYA SADUL:
SHRI K. THULASIAH VANDAYAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the demand of the Drug Industry for price revision of their products is pending consideration with the Government for the last one and a half year and as a result of delay the Industry has threatened to go on strike shortly in support of their demands; and

(b) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken to take a decision in the matter to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) & (b). The price revision of price-controlled drugs and formulations is an on-going process. One of the main demands of the industry related to relief due to increases arising out of last year's petroleum products price hike, general inflation and the exchange rate adjustment of the rupee. On account of these